

Cloud Cardigan for Dulaan Project



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(inspired by Ryan Morrisey's Cloud Hat)

Finished chest size: about 30", by adding length in the sleeves and body you can size it for a larger child. When mixing yarn for this, the gauge may vary a bit. It will fit some child, so don't worry about it.

This sweater is knitted in one piece from the neck down. The body is worked flat and the sleeves in the round. The good thing about top-down sweaters is the ability to adjust as you go along, so if you need to mix and match colors, you can stripe and the stripes will match. Or you can make it an inch or so shorter if you are running out of yarn.

Gauge: 12 sts = 4" using larger size needles over stockinette stitch.

Yarn Amounts: I used about 300 yds of Sublime mohair from elann and a similar amount of dk wt mystery wool for the red sweater. I used fingering weight for the blue, so it turned out a bit smaller. Carry one strand of mohair together with one strand of DK or worsted weight wool.

Needles: Size 10 (6mm) circulars, 16" and 24" (or size needed to obtain gauge); double-pointed needles, same size for sleeve.

Extras: Waste yarn or narrow ribbon to hold stitches, coil-less safety pins or split-ring markers. Three large buttons, half inch to inch size. You can tighten the buttonhole by sewing a few stitches at the side if it is too big for your button.

NOTES:

Make 1 (M1) = backward loop make 1. Use this increase for a nice, relaxed raglan line. If your increases are too tight, it will affect your row gauge, and the armhole won't be deep enough.

YO Buttonhole: Yarnover, slip one, knit one, pass the slipped stitch over. This makes a larger buttonhole.

K inc: knit in front and back of stitch.

NECK

With larger size 24" circular needle, cast on 31 stitches. Turn work. Knit one row.

Work short rows to raise neck back:

K21 W+T, K10, W+T, K13, W+T, K to end of row.

K2 rows.

- K inc, place marker (PM) into next st and knit it.
- K5 into next st and purl it.
- K15 (these sts are the neck back).
- K5 PM into next st and purl it, Kinc.

Turn, purl back.

NOTE: The marked stitches are the raglan line stitches. As subsequent rows are worked, move the marker up into the same stitch every row or every few rows in order to keep track of the raglan stitch.

Keep first and last 4 sts in garter stitch for the button band, working in the increases at the beginning and end of the rows. It helps to place a marker before and after these 4 sts to remind you. Work a YO button hole after 3 ridges and then every 10th ridge.

Row 1 (right side): Knit in the front and back of the first stitch, *knit to marked stitch, M1, knit the marked stitch, M1, *. Repeat * to *, knit to end of row, knit in front and back of last stitch.

Row 2 (wrong side): Purl back.

Repeat these two rows until there have been 13 rows of stockinette worked. Stop increasing at beginning and end of row.

Row 1: *Knit to marked stitch, M1, knit marked stitch, M1*; repeat from*. Remember to keep first and last 4 sts in garter stitch.

Row 2 (wrong side): K4, Purl to last 4 sts, K4.

Repeat these two rows, keeping the edge sts in Garter Stitch and working a buttonhole every 10th ridge until the total stitch count = 160

Dividing round

NOTE: Remove markers as you come to them.

After beginning of next right side row, knit across the right front sts, place first marked stitch, sleeve sts, and next marked stitch on a length of yarn or ribbon. Cast on 4 sts for underarm, knit the back sts. Place first marked stitch left sleeve sts, and next marked st on a length of yarn or ribbon. Cast on 4 stitches for underarm. Knit across left front sts. Turn, work back.

Body

Work even until body is 8 inches from underarm, or 2" short of desired length. Decrease 10 sts evenly spaced. For garter edge: K 1 rows (3 ridges) , bind off loosely.

Sleeves

With right side of work facing, use 16" size 9 needle, begin at center of underarm on body, pick up 1 sts. Pick up and twist the strand at the corner where the sleeve meets the body and knit it. Put 37 sleeve sts onto needle and knit them. Pick up and twist the strand at the corner where the sleeve meets the body and knit it. Pick up 2 sts from body. PM for beginning of round.

First round only: Slip marker, K2, K2tog, K37, SSK, K2. (This decreases the extra sts picked up at each joining edge of underarm and body.)
Knit 4 rounds even.

Next round:

Slip marker, knit first st after marker, K2tog, knit around and SSK before the marker. Knit around 5 more rounds.

Decrease Round:

Slip marker, knit first st after marker, K2tog, knit around, SSK, before the marker.

Continue, working a decrease round every 6th round, 5 more times. Work even until sleeve is 7 to 9 inches long from underarm, or 2" short of desired length.

NOTE:

Change from circular to larger-size double pointed needles when it becomes necessary as sleeve narrows.

Decrease for Cuff:

K2, K2tog around, ending K1. 20 stitches remain. For garter edge: P 1 round, K 1 round for 6 rounds (3 ridges) , bind off loosely.

How to Help

Participation in the Dulaan Project is simple:

- You may use whatever yarn and colors you like. There is a need for hats, mittens, socks, neck gaiters, scarves and sweaters for all ages from babies to adults - especially for children ages 2-10. Think warmth and simplicity. Links to knitting patterns, including double-thick fleece blankets that require no knitting or sewing are at www.whitehalldesign.com/dulaan/dulaanpatterns.htm.

- When packing your items, write down your name and address, as well as the number of and types of items in the box, on a piece of paper. Put the paper into an envelope and tape envelope securely to the box.. Please put this information inside an envelope, and tape it securely to the outside of the box.

- Send your items to The Dulaan Project, F.I.R.E., 107 N. San Francisco St., Studio 4, Flagstaff, AZ 86001. All items received by July 1 will be shipped to Mongolia on July 15. F.I.R.E. volunteers will personally distribute them in Mongolia this fall. Items received after July 1 will be sent in 2007.

- Check online at Mossy Cottage Knits for progress reports!

www.nwkniterati.com/movabletype/MossyCottage

Contacts

- Flagstaff International Relief Effort (F.I.R.E.)—

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